

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 53

SENATE BILL NO. 1188

By Black, Beavers

Substituted for: House Bill No. 900

By Maggart, Lynn, McDonald

AN ACT to name a bridge on State Route 174 in Sumner County in honor of the late Corporal Lance Tyler Overstreet, United States Marine Corps.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those courageous members of the United States Armed Forces who gave their lives in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, no person is more deserving of this honor than the late Corporal Lance Tyler Overstreet, United States Marine Corps, who was killed in combat while serving in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Overstreet followed the patriotic tradition for which Sumner County and the Volunteer State are renowned by serving with distinction in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, like thousands of others of this nation's sons and daughters, Corporal Overstreet did not shrink from serving in combat, believing in the justice of the cause to protect our national security and liberty and to free the Iraqi people; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Lance Tyler Overstreet served with great courage and gallantry, giving his life for his country and for the cause in which he believed, and for that ultimate sacrifice, he deserves proper recognition; as a member of the United States Marine Corps, he proudly continued an essential tradition of American society: the concept of the citizen-soldier; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Overstreet's dedication to excellence in the military and his love of his family, his fellow soldiers and his country, exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in defense of all that he held dear, stand as enduring examples of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, the Sumner County Board of Commissioners has petitioned this body to name the bridge spanning the East Fork of Station Camp Creek on State Route 174 in their county to permanently commemorate the singular patriotism, courage, and commitment to duty of the late Corporal Lance Tyler Overstreet, United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning the East Fork of Station Camp Creek on State Route 174 in Sumner County is hereby designated as the "Corporal Lance Tyler Overstreet Memorial Bridge" in recognition of the life of valor and death in combat of Corporal Lance Tyler Overstreet, United States Marine Corps.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "Corporal Lance Tyler Overstreet Memorial Bridge". The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 16, 2007


RON RAMSEY, SPEAKER
SENATE OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 24th day of April 2007



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR